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SUBJ: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

REF: A) ACCRA 6609, B) ACCRA 7013

1. WHILE WE HAVE NOT HAD OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FROM AIDE MEMOIRE PRESENTED PER REFTEL (A), WE FEEL IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COMMENT ON GENERAL SENTIMENT REGARDING DECISION OF UNITED STATES NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN RECENTLY CONCLUDED CONFERENCE. REFERENCE (B) QUOTED RECENT GHANAIAN TIMES EDITORIAL ON WHY UNITED STATES DID NOT PARTICIPATE. THE THREE ESSENTIAL POINTS MADE IN THAT EDITORIAL SUM UP THE GENERAL FEELING HERE. THAT IS: A) THE US FEAR OF HEARING ZIONISM ONCE AGAIN DESCRIBED AS RACISM IS UNPALATABLE TO CARTER ADMINISTRATION; B) THE US FEAR OF HEARING THE PLIGHT OF US MINORITIES DESCRIBED AS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IS UNPLATABLE TO ADMINISTRATION; C) US FEAR THAT CONFERENCE COULD HAVE PROVIDED "A FAIR INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM" FOR THE "VICTIMS" OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS RUSH TO FIGHT BACK.

2. NOT MENTIONED IN THE EDITORIAL BUT A POINT OFTEN MADE IN CONVERSATIONS HERE IS THE FLOURISHING TRADE RE-
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LATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA, INCLUDING ISRAELI PROVISION OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA. THIS FACT ALONE CAUSES MOST MODERATE GHANAIAANS TO SHY AWAY FROM ANY ATTEMPT TO ACCOMODATE THE UNITED STATES IN AMELIORATING OR ELIMINATING THE EQUATING OF ZIONISM WITH RACISM.
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